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July Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 0.4 Percent

HARRISBURG, PA, August 17, 2006 - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during July 2006 totaled 888 million pounds, 0.4 percent below last July's production of 892 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 555,000 head, unchanged from June, and 6,000 head less than from July 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds, down 20 pounds from June 2006, but 10 pounds above the July 2005 average.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from July 2005. June revised production, at 14 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from June 2005. The June revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,686 pounds for July, 3 pounds above July 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 107,000 head more than July 2005, but 11,000 head less than June 2006.

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